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Westminster, November. 12.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson, Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am perswaded you share with Me in the Satisfaction I feel at the prosperous Situation of Affairs. Peace with all Powers Abroad; at Home perfect Tranquility, Plenty, and an uninterrupted Enjoyment of all Civil and Religious Rights, are most distinguishing Marks of the Favour and Protection of the Divine Providence. And these, with all their happy Consequences, will, I doubt not, by the Blessing of God upon Our joint Endeavours, be long continued to My People.

The same Provision by Sea and Land, for the Defence and Safety of the Nation, will continue to make Us respected Abroad, and consequently secure at Home. The same Attention to the Improvement of the publick Revenues, and to the Ease and Encouragement of Trade and Navigation, will establish Credit upon the strongest Basis, and raise such a Spirit of Industry, as will not only enable Us gradually to discharge the National Debt; but will likewise greatly encrease the Wealth, Power, and Influence of this Kingdom.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to prepare and lay before you Estimates of the Expences for the Service of the ensuing Year: And, as they do not exceed what has been found by Experience to be absolutely Necessary for the Security of the Kingdom, I make no Question but I shall have your ready Concurrence in raising the Supplies, in such Manner as shall be most easy to My People.

There is one Thing that I cannot but mention to you, as deserving your particular Consideration. It is too manifest, that the Funds, established for the finishing the Works at Greenwich Hospital, and providing for a competent Number of Seamen there, cannot in Time of Peace be sufficient to answer the Expences of this great and necessary Work. It is therefore very much to be wished, that some Method could be found out to make a further Provision for a comfortable Support to our Seamen, worn out in the Service of their Country, and labouring under Old Age and Infirmities.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You must all be sensible how much Our present Happiness is owing to your Union and steady Conduct. It is therefore wholly unnecessary to recommend to you Unanimity and Dispatch in All your Deliberations. The Zeal and Abilities you have on all Occasions shewn in Supporting the Interest of your Country, even under the greatest Difficulties, leave Me no Room to doubt of My having your entire and effectual Concurrence in every thing that can tend to the Service of the Publick, and to the Good of My People.

Madrid, Nov. 6, N. S. On the 31st past his Catholick Majesty was pleased to appoint Sig. Orendayn Secretary for the publick Revenues, which is one of the Places Sig. Montenegro held; and also confirmed the said Sig. Orendayn in the Employment of Secretary of State, to serve his Majesty in case of Illness or Absence of the Marquess de Grimaldo. The other Place of Sig. Montenegro, as Superintendant of the publick Revenues, was conferred on the 2d Instant upon the Marquess de Campo-Florido, who was also named President of the Council of Finances, in the Room of Don Juan Blasco Orosco, to whom his Majesty has given in lieu of the said Presidency, the Place of Counsellour in the Council of Castille. On the 2d Instant his Catholick Majesty dismissed the Marquess de Miraval, President of the Council of Castille, from that Employment, granting him however a Pension of 10000 Crowns a Year, with the Honour of the Title of Counsellour of State. And in his Room his Majesty has appointed, for the said Precedency, Don Juan de Herrera the present Bishop of Siguenza, who was High Chancellour of Milan, before that Country was separated from the Spanish Monarchy, and was afterwards for some Years Auditor of the Rota on the Part of Spain at Rome, from whence he came about two Years ago, and took Possession of the said Bishoprick. On the 3d Instant arrived here Sig. Candle, a Venetian Nobleman, who is to reside at this Court as Ambassadour from the Republick of Venice, in the Room of Sig. Bragadini, who designs to set out in a few Days on his Return to Venice.

Victualling-Office, Nov. 13, 1724.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy give Notice, That on Friday the 4th of December next, in the Forenoon, they will be ready to receive Proposals and treat with such Persons as are inclineable to furnish Iron Hoops for the Service of His Majesty's Navy.

Notice is hereby given, That a Bank Note for Fifty Pounds, sent to a Director of the United East-India Company by a Person unknown, has been delivered to the Court of Directors, and by them paid into the Company's Cash.

A Meeting of Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament to amend the Road leading from the Stones-End at Southwark, to the Town of Sutton, in the County of Surrey, is appointed to be held on Saturday the 28th Instant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Greyhound Inn in Sutton, in the said County of Surrey, for electing Trustees in the Room of those deceased, and some that have resigned their Trust, and for Dispatch of other Business.

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